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On 27 and 28 August 1953, the woods close to the former artillery firing range was occupied by reserves and supply vehicles during the exercise northeast of Naumburg. Source noticed several kitchens, 1 field hospital, tents and about 120 trucks. Residents estimated that about 1,800 infantry men and about 250 trucks were assembled there. Approach roads were secured by AT and machine guns. There seemed to have been no enemy party. At 8 p.m. on 28 August, the exercise terminated, with the bulk leaving the area via Markrohlitz-Weissenfels. Six large and 15 small amphibious vehicles passed through Weissenfels to the autobahn at 3 p.m. on 28 August.

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 Source believed that they came from the exercise. At 7 p.m. on 28 August, 10 guns, presumably of 76.2 mm, 15 heavy mortars and 35 trucks were loaded in Naumburg-Ost.

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 Comment. Same source supplied two reports on this exercise by the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. . The loading on 28 August tends to indicate that the troops returned to Kindel rather than Naumburg. Another source observed units of about battalion size in Weissenfels, however, from 22 August to 10 September. 25X1A

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 The march direction of the engineer vehicles allows of no inferences as to the whereabouts of the engineer battalion, which went to Kindel from the area of Dessau-Aken only in mid-August.

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